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DEA HQS ATTN: OC, OI, OIA, OEL/N. JONES AND PIZARRO,  
DEA CARIBBEAN DIVISION ATTN: SAC HARRIS, ASAC GUARINO, RAC DOBY AND  
SA ANDREW ARTHURTON

E.O. 12958: N/A

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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR CUSTOMS AND BORDER PROTECTION AIR AND  
MARINE SUPPORT PILOTS JORGE DELGADO, JOSE RIVERA AND ROBERT LEBRON,  
AND AVIATION ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS ALEXANDER SANTIAGO AND JUAN GARCIA  
ON JUNE 28, 2007

REF: TELCOM BETWEEN ACTING COUNTRY ATTACHE ROGEANA PATTERSON, RAC

JAMES DOBY AND A/RAC ERIC LEE ON JUNE 28, 2007

¶1. Embassy Bridgetown welcomes and grants country clearance to  
Border Protection Air and Marine Support Pilots Jorge Delgado, Jose  
Rivera and Robert Lebron, and Aviation Enforcement Officers  
Alexander Santiago and Juan Garcia for June 28, 2007 for travel to  
St. Vincent. The purpose of their visit is to provide operation  
support for an ongoing investigation.

¶2. Embassy point of contact is Acting Country Attach Rogeana  
Patterson at 246-227-4171.

¶3. No Hotel reservations are required. The current per diem in St.  
Vincent is US\$107 for lodging and US\$89 for M&IE.

¶4. Post's resources do not allow us the flexibility to meet and  
assist visitors at the airport. However, St. Vincent Customs and  
Immigration is visitor-friendly. The taxi rate from the airport to  
the hotel is approximately EC\$25 (US\$10.00). The exchange rate is  
approximately 2.66 Eastern Caribbean Dollars for 1 U.S. Dollar. You  
should bring enough U.S. Dollar bills to pay the taxi. U.S.  
currency, traveler's checks, and credit cards are routinely and  
widely accepted here.

¶5. Entry requirements: A valid U.S. passport is required to enter  
St. Vincent. No visa is required if your stay is under six months,  
including those travelers arriving with diplomatic or official  
passports.

¶6. Restrictions: The laws of Barbados, Antigua and Barbuda, St.  
Lucia, Grenada, Dominica, and St. Kitts and Nevis prohibit  
non-military personnel from wearing any articles of camouflage  
clothing. Immigration officers in these countries randomly check  
visitor's baggage on arrival at the airport; if items of restriction  
are found, you will be asked to surrender them to the officers.

¶7. Departure tax for St. Vincent is EC\$45 or USD\$17.

¶8. ICASS TDY Policy: Each visitor, regardless of length of stay,  
must bring/forward fiscal data to pay for direct costs of the visit.  
Each agency, organization or visiting delegation will be charged  
for the actual costs attributed to its visit. Direct cargo costs  
include, but are not limited to: airport transportation and  
expediting; driving services; American and LES overtime (for such  
services as airport expediting, cashier accommodation exchange,  
control room staffing, representational event support); travel and  
per diem costs incurred by post personnel in support of visitor's  
field travel; rental of vehicles and other equipment; long distance

telephone calls; office supplies, procurement/small purchasing; departure tax and other airport fees. Post will not provide service if fiscal data is not provided for the direct charges.

For TDYers remaining at post over 30 days, there is a charge for ICASS support services. This charge is for the following ICASS services: Basic Package, CLO and Health Services. Agencies will not be billed until the accumulated invoice cost for TDY support exceeds \$2,500 for the fiscal year. If your sponsoring agency is not signed up for ICASS services at post, please be prepared to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for ICASS support services upon arrival. The agency should provide post with a written communication, generated by the traveler's headquarters, that confirms the agency will pay ICASS charges for the TDYer, provides the agency ICASS billing code to which the TDY support charges should be applied, and authorizes the traveler to sign the ICASS invoice generated by the TDY module. Where travel is urgent, the TDYer should bring this documentation with him/her to ensure there are no interruptions in the provision of service. Post will not provide any service to a TDYer staying in excess of thirty days without provision of this documentation before day 31 of the TDY."

¶9. The following is general information pertaining to security and health considerations throughout the Eastern Caribbean:

#### Security

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In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of well-established tourist areas are not generally recommended, especially at night. Be vigilant when using public telephones or ATM machines near roadsides or quiet areas. As in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing expensive jewelry, carrying expensive objects, or carrying large amounts of cash should be avoided. Visitors should also safeguard valuables while at the beach. While hotels are generally safe, many visitors have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel

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burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be locked in room safes if possible.

#### Health Information

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Throughout the Eastern Caribbean, the most likely threat to a visitor's health is sunburn. It takes several weeks to become accustomed to the heat and humidity. Prolonged exposure to the sun, without protection, causes sunburn and may ultimately result in sun-damaged skin or even skin cancer. Sunscreens should be used for protection. In Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent the major health threat is dengue fever, transmitted by mosquito. Dengue cases are most often seen in the summer months. Persons should therefore, protect themselves with insect repellent. There is also a growing number of HIV/AIDS cases reported. The Eastern Caribbean enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for immunizations (i.e. tetanus, diphtheria, and oral polio vaccine) are required when traveling to this region. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands in the region and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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